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U.S. AIR FORCE FACILITY GRAND TURK

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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN DRUG CASE BY TURKS AND

CAICOS AUTHORITIES

REF: DEA HDQ WASHDC 232318Z (NOTAL)

1. AT 1430 APRIL 28 DESMOND JENKIN, ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE, GRAND TURK, CALLED EMBASSY TO REPORT THAT VESSEL ALEGRIO AGROUND OFF NORTH CAICOS SINCE APRIL 23 WITH "HUGE LOAD" OF MARIJUANA AND PERHAPS COCAINE WAS BREAKING UP AND "BEGINNING TO GO" WITH DRUGS FLOATING AWAY IN AREA. SEVERAL SMALL BOATS OBSERVED TODAY "LEAVING AREA HURRIEDLY". ONE OF LATTER, SARIFA, OWNED BY A MR. ERICKSON, WAS REPORTED HEADING FOR BAHAMAS THENCE TO U.S. JENKINS SAID HE HAD DESPATCHED TWO POLICE OFFICERS TO NORTH CAICOS BUT HAD LOST TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS WITH ISLAND DUE TO CABLE CUT. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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- 2. AT 1530, MR. DALE, HMG CHIEF SECRETARY TO TURKS AND CAICOS, CALLED EMBASSY TO MAKE FORMAL REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN REMOVING REMAINING CARGO AND EVIDENCE FROM ALEGRIO AND SINKING HULK.
- 3. IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENT IS FOR AIRCRAFT OR HELICOPTER TO BE SENT TO SITE TO SURVEY FEASIBILITY OF GETTING A USCG CUTTER OR SIMILAR VESSEL CLOSE ENOUGH TO ALEGRIO TO CARRY OUT OFF-LOADING OPERATION.
- 4. WE REQUEST DISPATCH OF USCG AIRCRAFT TO NORTH CAICOS TO MAKE ABOVE SURVEY AND, IF FEASIBLE, DIVERSION OF USCG CUTTER TO GRAND TURK TO TAKE ON TURKS AND CAICOS POLICE AND PROCEED TO SCENE FOR RECOVERY OF CARGO. DALE SUGGESTS THAT BEST PLACE FOR PICK-UP WOULD BE JETTY AT U.S. AIR FORCE FACILITY, GRAND TURK. PLEASE ADVISE. TAYLOR

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